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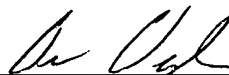
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Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A. Page 1, please replace the second paragraph with:

This invention is related to concurrently filed applications Serial No. 09/115,855, pending and Serial No. 09/115,856, abandoned, which are incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

- B. Please cancel claims 41 - 45. ✓
- C. Please add claims 46 - 80 as shown below.
- D. Please amend claims 4 and 40 as shown below.

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D2 4. (amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the oxidizing step comprises simultaneous exposure of the layer of a silicide of the first metal to an oxidizing gas and a reducing gas.

D3 40. (amended) An integrated circuit made by the method of claim 26.